

# THE DEMOCRAT.

Published Every Friday Morning.  
TILLMAN & PRICE, Proprietors.

VERSAILLES, MISSOURI.

1903 AUGUST 1903

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## THE WEEK'S NEWS

Happenings of the Past Seven Days in Brief.

### ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

Casualties and Fires, Personal and Political Notes, Business Failures and Resumptions, Weather Record.

### INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS

#### DOMESTIC.

The elks in national convention at Baltimore marched in a parade about 7,000 strong.

Mrs. Adelaide Hawley, a prominent resident of New Milford, Pa., was instantly killed by the upsetting of her automobile.

It is announced that in spite of the hot winds in central Kansas, corn is not damaged to any great extent.

Capt. Robert Dodd, the oldest raft pilot, and one of the oldest steamboat pilots on the Mississippi river, was found dead in his bed at his home in St. Louis, from heart failure.

At Beaumont, Tex., Policeman Walter Skensbury was shot and fatally wounded by Mooney Allen, a negro, who was pursued by a crowd of citizens and shot to death shortly afterwards.

Julius Wiltrax took the witness stand in Judge Kersten's court, Chicago, and accused his parents of the murder of Paul Puzkowsky last April.

Two Missouri Pacific passenger trains collided near Sedalia, Mo., injuring six passengers, Julius Henkel, of Holland, Pa., seriously.

Henry F. Kruse, a prominent business man of Lafayette, Ind., was drowned in the Wabash river after heroically rescuing his daughter and the son of a friend.

William C. Buchanan, bookkeeper of the Williamson-Gunning Advertising company of St. Louis, has disappeared. He was given \$6,000 in notes to have discounted and has not been seen since.

Lightning practically destroyed the \$20,000 Floyd monument at Sioux City erected to the memory of Sergeant Charles Floyd, member of the Lewis and Clark expedition. It was intended to send the monument to the St. Louis exposition.

A 1,000-acre tract on the west bank of the Hudson, near West Point, has been bought by leading New York Baptists for an educational summer resort similar to Chautauqua and Ocean Grove.

The safe in the post office at Mayville, N. Y., was blown open. Seventeen thousand two-cent stamps, 10,000 one-cent stamps and 5,000 eight-cent stamps were secured by the burglars.

Eleven more bodies of victims of the Union Pacific mine explosion in Wyoming recently have been recovered.

Dr. A. A. Ames, former mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., now under indictment for bribery, has made application for pension on account of disabilities incurred during the civil war.

County rural free delivery in McLean county, Ill., has been ordered to commence September 15. The service will be the most extensive of any one county in the United States. There will be 71 separate routes.

A rag pickers' union has been organized in New York.

Harvey W. Scott, owner of the Oregonian, Portland, Ore., has been chosen president of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

The treaty between the United States and Denmark for purchase of the Danish West Indies has expired, and it is not probable that a new one will be entered into.

Talbot J. Taylor & Co. and W. L. Stow & Co., big Wall street brokerage firms, were forced to suspend owing to the constant decline in stocks. The head of Taylor house is a son-in-law of James R. Keene. Millions of dollars are involved in the failures.

Trade reviews report unusually good business in nearly every section of the country, collections are better than usual in midsummer, and trade and labor troubles are being settled.

Benjamin G. Hill, who killed his wife last November at their home in Washington, D. C., was hanged at the United States jail.

The percentages of the baseball clubs in the National league for the week ended on the 26th were: Pittsburgh, 671; Chicago, 598; New York, 595; Cincinnati, 512; Brooklyn, 509; Boston, 423; St. Louis, 393; Philadelphia, 317.

The fifty-sixth anniversary of the first negro church organization in the west was celebrated at Quinn chapel, Chicago.

The percentages of the baseball clubs in the American league for the week ended on the 26th were: Boston, 642; Philadelphia, 585; Cleveland, 538; Detroit, 506; New York, 493; Chicago, 455; St. Louis, 434; Washington, 338.

J. D. Mayfield (colored) was taken from jail in Danville, Ill., and lynched by a mob for killing Henry Gatterman, and troops were sent to quell the riot, in which 22 persons were injured.

The post office at Radd, Ia., was robbed of stamps, cash and money orders to the amount of \$500.

Miss Frances Green, of Chicago, was killed and 48 persons injured in a collision of electric cars in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago, advised a husband in a divorce case to defend himself with his fists if attacked by his wife. Jennie Steers, a negro woman, was lynched near Shreveport, La., for the alleged poisoning of a young girl.

The body of a beautiful young woman, evidently murdered, was found in a sewer pipe at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Four persons were killed and 30 injured in a collision of Great Western railroad trains near Dodge Center, Ia.

Robert J. Burdette preached his first sermon as pastor of the Los Angeles (Cal.) Baptist church.

The battleship Kearsarge reached Bar Harbor, Me., after a record breaking trip from England, the 3,600 miles being covered in nine days four and a quarter hours.

The Colorado legislature adjourned after having passed a general appropriation bill, for which the session was called.

Near New London, Conn., Mrs. C. T. Thorpe, Miss Annabel Rogers and Samuel Gobel were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The first transcontinental automobile trip was completed by Dr. H. N. Jackson and Sewall L. Crocker, who reached New York after a 64 days' run from San Francisco.

#### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Gen. Cassius M. Clay, noted Kentucky abolitionist and picturesque character, died at Whitehall, aged 81 years. He was minister to Russia under President Lincoln.

Frederick W. Hollis, secretary of the American delegation to The Hague peace conference, and more recently member of the international court, died suddenly at his home in Yonkers, N. Y., of heart failure.

The funeral of the late Archbishop Frederick Xavier Katzner took place in Milwaukee from St. John's cathedral, the ceremonies being the most elaborate Catholic demonstration in the history of the city.

Judge David Willard, aged 85, is dead at his home in Joliet, Ill. Willard was first elected county judge in 1865, serving many years.

"Bob" Fitzsimmons, pugilist, was married to Miss Julia May Gifford, actress, at San Francisco.

Isaac Springfield, probably the oldest man in Wisconsin, died at his home in the town of Emerald in his one hundredth year.

Ex-Congressman John M. Clancy, one of the most widely known democratic politicians in Brooklyn, N. Y., died in Batte, Mont.

Congressman Robert H. Foerderer, of the Fourth Pennsylvania district, died at his home in Torresdale, a suburb of Philadelphia, aged 13 years.

#### FOREIGN.

Thousands viewed the remains of Pope Leo, lying in state, Italian soldiers summoned to the vatican to preserve order may foreshadow closer relations with the quirinal. Leo's will was opened, his vast estate passing to his successor for the benefit of the church.

It is said that Russia has arranged with French capitalists for a loan of \$25,000,000.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra's court in St. Patrick's hall, Dublin, was attended by more representative Irish nobility and citizens than entered the castle in years; Irish guards were present.

Benjamin L. Farjeon, the noted novelist and son-in-law of Joseph Jefferson, died at Hampstead, England.

A firm in Shanghai has been awarded the contract for furnishing 10,000 water buffalo to the insular government of the Philippines.

Japan has decided to observe the policy of waiting and watching Russia, advocated by Great Britain. In the meantime she will urge China to carry out the assurances given to the United States respecting Manchuria and will endeavor to obtain the opening of additional ports.

Mount Vesuvius grows more active, throwing out showers of embers and a constant stream of lava. The eruption presents a brilliant spectacle, but brings little danger.

The prosperity of Canada is shown by the fact that foreign trade has more than doubled in the last six years.

A plot to unite Servia and Bulgaria, depose Prince Ferdinand and substitute Karageorgevitch dynasty, is reported from Vienna.

The body of Pope Leo was interred in the basilica of St. Peter's with impressive ceremonies in the presence of church dignitaries and Roman aristocracy.

Near the village of Schalaifika, Russia, 33 female laborers were burned to death in a barn.

#### LATER.

It was ascertained by the attorneys for the defense in the hoodie cases at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 27th, that John A. Lee has now come to the conclusion he does not know whether it was Matthews or some senator from northwest Missouri who received a bribe of \$1,000 from the anti-alum baking powder manufacturers.

Congressman Champ Clark pledged himself, on the 27th, to support Senator Cockrell for the senate in the event he does not receive the democratic nomination for president or is defeated at the polls. It is thought by Missouri politicians that Cockrell will consent to run if he is assured of his old place in the senate.

A telegram received at Springfield, Ill., on the 27th, by the family of former Mayor Charles E. Hay, who is at Harbor Point, Me., and who is quite ill, says Mr. Hay is worse and that an operation will be necessary. Mr. Hay is a brother of Secretary of State Hay.

Two failures were announced in the stock market, on the 27th, one at New York and one at Boston. Afterwards the market recovered, and the close was at considerable improvement.

In the federal court at Montgomery, Ala., on the 27th, James H. Todd and Anderson Hardy pleaded guilty to charges of perjury and were sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 each.

Every printer employed by the Spokane (Wash.) Review quit work owing to a strike. For the first time in nearly eleven years no paper was published on the 27th.

Reports from personal inspection of the condition of corn in Kansas and Nebraska, on the 27th, indicated a need of rain to save expected 75-per cent. crops.

Thirteen convicts escaped from the penitentiary at Folsom, Cal., on the 27th, and with several of the guards as captives, have headed for the mountains.

Two cashiers of a private bank at Elgin, Ill., disappeared, on the 27th, and accounts are found \$28,000 short, with only \$31 in the vault.

Negroes are fleeing from Danville, Ill., and vicinity on account of the recent race riot on the 27th. The negroes depart for the south.

The oil of a threshing engine exploded at Brockton, Ill., on the 27th, instantly killing two men.

### MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

Old Chief Geronimo and a dozen of his followers have joined the Methodist church.

Dr. Mary Chandler of Lowell, Mass., is said to be the only woman in America who is entitled to practice both law and medicine.

A tidal wave of liquor prohibition is sweeping over Texas. One hundred and thirty counties have voted total prohibition and 59 others have partial prohibition.

Maj. Willard, in reporting on work on the Illinois and Mississippi canal, says that owing to high water and legal delays it is not likely to be finished for three years.

Probably the youngest preacher in this country is Rev. Edward Hersey Brewster, pastor of the Bethany Free Baptist church at Whitman, Mass. He is only 18 years of age.

J. M. Shepherd, editor of the Standard-Herald, of Warrensburg, Mo., was fined \$500 by the supreme court for contempt in a published article criticizing a decision of the court.

London labor statistics show 442 strikes in 1902, with 256,657 workmen affected, and 8,479,255 aggregate working days' duration. The disputes were one-third less than in 1901.

George Wilson, an aged resident of Rochester, N. Y., pronounced dead, jumped from the embalming table and swore roundly at the undertaker who was preparing him for burial.

James McNeill Whistler, artist who was buried in London, was led to marry the widow of Architect Godwin by Labouchere, who discovered their attraction for each other and proposed for both.

A wage scale conference at Pittsburg, Pa., between the window glass workers and manufacturers resulted in an agreement whereby the workers are to receive the highest wages ever paid them.

Consent by the Philadelphia city council to further junkets for the old liberty bell will be met by petition for injunction on behalf of the John Willbank heirs who claim it is theirs in part payment for debt.

Rufus Young, who died in a Vermont prison the other day from injuries received while being pursued by a sheriff's posse, spent in various penitentiaries more than two-thirds of his 66 years, always under sentence for horse theft.

### NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

The gambling houses of Joplin and Chitwood were raided and 35 gamblers were arrested. These arrests are the first made by the present administration and it is understood that gambling is not to be tolerated in Joplin or Jasper county.

During a severe wind and rainstorm the large dam at the Pertle Springs lakes gave way, losing three feet of water and destroying a large icehouse filled with ice. The storm uprooted trees and leveled cornfields to the ground.

Rock Island surveyors are encamped at Unionville. They are running a survey from Drakeville, Ia., to Trenton, with a view of reducing the Chicago and Kansas City mileage about 35 miles. This cut-off has long been contemplated.

At a conference of the business men of Palmyra it was decided to unite with the Confederate Monument association in its picnic August 15, at which Mr. Folk will be the orator of the day, and make it the largest affair ever held in the county.

Howard county will hold an agricultural fair in Fayette October 2 and 3, the object of which is to secure an exhibit of farm and garden products for the world's fair next year. Liberal premiums are offered on all products. The county court allowed \$250 for an exhibit.

The first annual convention of the rural mail carriers of Missouri will be held at Cameron August 15 under the auspices of the Cameron Rural Route association, the first and only organization of rural mail carriers in the state. The carriers will be addressed by Congressman John Dougherty, of Liberty; D. Ward King, the good roads advocate; H. H. Windsor, editor of the Chicago R. F. D. News, and R. F. Lawson, editor of the American Postmaster at Effingham, Ill.

It cost John Kaffer, of Lincoln, Neb., 50 days of freedom to swear while being held a prisoner at the central station at St. Joseph. Kaffer was arrested on the charge of being drunk and making himself obnoxious to pedestrians in the streets. Soon after he was locked up Mrs. Frank R. Walker, wife of a grocer, appeared at the station. While Mrs. Walker was standing in the corner talking Kaffer swore like a trooper. The matter was reported to Judge Carolus and Kaffer went to the city rock pile for 60 days of hard labor.

Capt. J. M. Hewett, of El Dora, Ill., who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. A. Martin, at Louisiana, thinks himself the oldest member of the Christian church in the United States. He was baptized and admitted to membership in this denomination 78 years ago. He is now 90 years old. The captain attributes his great age to temperate living, but he makes a confession which will be a little shocking to both church people and temperance advocates. He has used tobacco constantly for 70 years and has drunk a little good whisky every day.

Wednesday morning, Frank McCutough, wife and baby, living west of Palmyra, were taken ill and everything indicated that they had been poisoned. The sheriff was summoned and when the baby died a few hours later the coroner was called in. The verdict returned by the jury was that the child had been poisoned from drinking milk containing poisonous matter. The milk in question had been milked the night before and was kept in a new tin bucket over night. The father and mother both drank the milk, but the woman was but little affected. The man may die. The woman offered some time ago to give the child away.

John Sanders, who heads a surveying party composed of 11 men, working under President S. F. Scott, of Kansas City, has completed a survey for the proposed St. Louis & St. Paul railway from Memphis, near the northern boundary of this state, into Mexico. It will be recalled that this road has been incorporated under the laws of the states of Iowa and Missouri to run from Eldon or Ottumwa, Ia., to Union, Mo. It will enter Missouri at the north line of Scotland county, passing through the county seats of Memphis, Edina, Shelbyville, Paris, Mexico, Hermann and Union. Profile maps have been filed in all counties as far south as Audrain. It is stated that the Rock Island is behind the movement.

No other line except the Rock Island enters Eldon, the northern terminus that is most discussed in connection with the road. The Rock Island also makes Ottumwa, a short distance from Eldon. Furthermore, the road could connect with but one line at Union, which is the old St. Louis & Colorado line, built out of St. Louis as far as the Gasconade and now under course of construction to Kansas City. This line was bought by the Rock Island a few months ago. The proposed road would give the Rock Island a short cut to St. Louis for traffic from its mass of lines in Iowa, northern Illinois, Minnesota and Nebraska.

### PUBLIC REFUSES TO BUY.

James R. Keene Interviewed at His Country Home on the Financial Outlook.

#### A VERY EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION.

Business is Good, Crops Are Excellent, and the Gross Earnings of the Railroads Larger Than They Were Last Year. Yet the Public Have No Confidence.

New York, July 28.—In connection with the failures in Wall street, James R. Keene, whose son-in-law's house, T. J. Taylor & Co., was among those to suspend, is quoted by the Herald as follows in an interview at his country home at Cedarhurst:

"It is a very extraordinary situation, and for some reason or other the public refuses to buy. It has been out of the stock market for two or three months, and its reappearance in Wall street would be a welcome sight in that gloomy financial district."

"Do you think that the general prosperity is likely to be affected by the serious decline in stocks?" was asked.

"I don't see why it should be," Mr. Keene replied. "Business is good, crops are excellent, and gross earnings of railroads are larger than they were last year. I have no doubt their net earnings will be correspondingly large. In spite of all this, people have no confidence. They are appalled at the tremendous decline that has taken place, the explanation for which had not been reasoned out by them."

"The extremity of the danger should bring relief from a concert of the financial and railroad interests to stop a further decline, which must gather force if it continues. Perhaps the best reason for the present situation has been the absolute unwillingness of the public for some time to buy securities. If you have sellers and few buyers it is easy to predict the result."

"I believe over-capitalization, and the disastrous collapse of three or four recently organized trusts, have paralyzed the buyer, produced a general fright and terrible liquidation of good securities to protect bad ones. Despite this liquidation, which has reduced the average values of securities 35 per cent., bank loans have not been reduced, nor has the surplus been materially increased."

"It would be natural to look for a corresponding decrease in bank loans in consequence. This has not occurred, and I have not seen any one yet who has fathomed the reason for it. It may be safely said that this singular result, so contrary to all previous experience, has caused much anxiety and produced grave apprehensions."

"Explanation of it may be possible from people who understand the intricacies of the movement of money and shifting of loans. Buyers surely will be attracted, however, as in Wall street convulsions of the past."

#### PROGRESS IN MANCHURIA.

Every Reason to Believe that a Satisfactory Treaty Will be Signed by September First.

Washington, July 28.—While there has been a lull in the Manchurian negotiations during the past week, it is stated that up to this point satisfactory progress has been made, and there is every reason to believe that before the first of September next a treaty will be ready for signature, which will define the trade opportunities of the United States in Manchuria. An authoritative statement on the situation is as follows:

The question of the opening of new localities to trade in Manchuria has been in substance satisfactorily arranged with the Chinese government and nothing to be settled but the question of the date when said localities shall be opened. This naturally will be subsequent to the exchange of ratifications of the treaty in which the opening is agreed upon.

#### ANOTHER FAILURE RECORDED.

The Failure of Edwin S. Hooley & Co., Announced On the New York Stock Exchange.

New York, July 28.—Another stock exchange failure was recorded soon after the opening of Monday's market, when formal announcement was made on the exchange of the suspension of Edwin S. Hooley & Co. The firm includes, besides Mr. Hooley, Frank Bramley and Norbert Heinshimer. Hooley & Co. were especially prominent as brokers in the days of the Roswell P. Flower bull campaign. Hooley & Co. were specialists in Evansville & Terre Haute and Des Moines & Fort Dodge securities.